

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT**  
**3/27/2019**

Madame Chair and members of our board of education, delightful information continues in the Newport Independent School District. As customary, I want to commend all of our service providers for the exceptional work they continue to do for our students and families. As normal, there are many significant services and happenings that are occurring and I am pleased to share them with all of you. They are as follows:

✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project)**  
**Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**

- 3 home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits/shelter residence

- Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition:

TYTD 2019: 185 as compared to April 2018 YTD of 247 students

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
52 NPS	56 NPS	65 NPS
45 NIS	48 NIS	54 NIS
46 NHS	51 NHS	59 NHS

- Lived/living in: Shelter-23 Hotel-18 Doubled up-135 Uninhabitable Housing-8
- 39 MV students have withdrawn so far this year
- Stock the Kitchen is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
  - Serves close to 300 unduplicated individuals
- Classes/Programs:
  - Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring - Meets Mondays and Thursdays
  - Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley - Meets Tuesdays
- NHS Support Team at NHS (for MV Students) started Jan 15 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources
  - Parent Support Group, Feb. 5
  - Rolling Wildcat –NIS Family Night March
- Attendance/Behavior:
  - Member of SST (Student Support team) at NHS –duties assigned at each meeting
  - Member of NPS attendance Committee-check out new “oops you’re late sign”
- Transportation:
  - Assisting 4 other school districts:
    - Cab provided (one way) for 1 family (Covington)
    - Cab provided (one way) for 6 families (Newport)

- Gas Card provided for 1 Newport
  - Transporting 1 NHS students from Homeward Bound/1 NHS from WH Shelter
  - Receiving assistance from 2 schools (Boone County/Covington)
- Other assistance/referrals/meetings:
  - 3 referrals for housing assistance
  - NKY Homeless Education Collaborative February 20, 2019  
- Next meeting March 27, 2019
- ✓ Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:
  - As of March 18, 2019, the following were distributed to students:
    - 71 items of clothing from the FRC clothing closet (many thanks to all of the individuals who donate their gently used clothing and shoes to the FRC)
    - 8 pairs of shoes
    - 8 backpacks
    - 6 children received diapers through Sweet Cheeks (either special needs NPS students, or younger siblings of NPS students, or BornLearning Academy participants)
    - 8 total home visits during this time, all for attendance/residency
    - 1 student, whose family recently came from Guatemala, was given emergency assistance for various needs (shopping was done by EL staff).
    - 1 voucher for replacement eyeglasses through Lens Crafters' Gift of Sight was distributed
    - 1 referral to the Care Closet at Newport Intermediate School
    - 85 Power Packs per week are given to NPS students on Fridays
  - Sixteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank (2), Brighton Center, USI Insurance (2), Red Hot Promotions (The Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, Christ's Chapel, US Bank, Movement Church, Prysmian Group (formerly General Cable), Clerk's Office at the US Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and the Cincinnati Reds. At least once a month, a different Adopt a Class partner is being featured on the school's website and Facebook page, as a way to recognize their contributions to NPS students!
  - Nineteen (19) Lunch Buddies (Big Brother Big Sister, school-based mentoring) are spending 45-minutes together at lunchtime each week, and applications have gone home with students who may be matched with a Lunch Buddy in the future.

- 15 students are walking to the Boys & Girls Club after school with B&G Club staff.
- NPS students are able to receive mental health therapy on-site through Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, MEBS & Associates, NorthKey, and our school counselor. Many students also see outside agencies (i.e., Holly Hill, Therapeutic Collaborative) for therapy. Molly receives calls regularly from case managers at MEBS Associates, regarding common clients.
- Students at NPS continue to be encouraged to recycle items at school, and to continue to collect plastic lids to recycle into additional “Buddy Benches” and/or other furniture for the school. **MANY THANKS to Brighton Center’s Youth Leadership Development Club for sorting lids for us, as a service project!! Also, ReNewport has given the NPS Family Resource Center a \$500 grant to assist with the purchase of a couple of more benches at this summer’s cap delivery!**
- Molly has supported the Girl Scout’s cookie sale by arranging for a staff order form to be placed next to the staff sign-in sheet, and also for arranging for a cookie sale booth at Family Fun Night on 2/21!
- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Brenda Elgin, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, and Kristy McNally
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollette (and the organization through which her dog was certified as a therapy dog) for a variety of dogs to come to visit the special needs students in Ms. Zimmerman’s classroom, twice during most weeks!
- Molly arranged for a Notre Dame Academy math student to tutor a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade NPS student after school in math twice a week.
- February 21 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- February 21 – “Wild About Moms” Family Fun Night (featuring Zoodles animal program)
- February 28 – Adopt a Class Resource Coordinator and Team Leads happy hour at New Riff Distillery in Newport
- March 4 – Kentucky Association of School Social Workers recruitment happy hour at the Boardroom Bar in Newport, KY (hosted by Molly and Amber Onkst)
- March 5 – Attendance committee meeting – The FRC bought a sandwich board to place in front of the school after the tardy bell rings, that says something about signing late students in at the main office.
- March 5 – BornLearning Academy workshop #6 saw sixty-eight (68) people were in attendance at the sixth BornLearning Academy!

- Two (2) Brighton Center youth participating in Youth Leadership development, 1 child care volunteer, 5 Christ's Chapel volunteers to prepare and serve food, 4 child care workers, 1 Spanish translator, 1 workshop facilitator (Kate), 2 Skool Aid staff to facilitate activities for school-aged children, 1 Cooperative Extension staff , 2 BornLearning Coordinators (Molly and Amber), 6 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 10 adults participating in the BornLearning workshop, and 33 children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.
- March 6 – Coding Club Family Night (Thank you to Notre Dame student volunteers for spending time with us during this fun event!)
- March 7 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting – Phillip Sharp Middle School Butler, KY
- March 8 – Costco representatives in teacher's lounge
- March 12 – Donna Watts, Amber Onkst and Molly met to discuss the additional funds being given to FRYSCs across Kentucky, and re-budgeting that money.
- March 14 – THANK YOU to Newport Keturah Street Church of God for bringing pies for the NPS staff to enjoy on Pi Day!
- March 14 – Molly met with Emily Loreaux (NCC teacher) about some potential projects for the NCC Spanish class students to participate in with NPS students
- March 18 – Ethics training (for Social Work re-licensure) at St. Elizabeth's
- March 19 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
- March 19 – BornLearning Academy celebration
- March 20 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
- March 21 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 21 – Crayons to Computers mobile outreach to bring supplies to NPS staff
- ✓ **Upcoming Classes/Programs:**
  - March 22 – Price Waterhouse - Coopers volunteer group at NPS
  - March 24 – Movement Church Sunday of Service at NPS
  - March 28 – NIS Family Fun Night
  - April 10 – Kindergarten Open House and registration
  - April 10 – Spring Picture Day
  - April 12 – Storytelling event at Movement Church to raise money for shoes for NPS students
  - April 13 – Super Run at Sawyer Point – team of Newport staff will be participating
  - April 16 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
  - April 18 – Arts and STEM Family Fun Night at NPS
  - May 3 – Education Summit at Underground Railroad Freedom Center
  - May 8 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting

- **May 14 – Monthly Service Providers meeting**
  - **May 24 – Field Day (tentative)**
  - **June – Early Childhood carnival**
  - **June 5 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting – Gateway College**
  - **July 8 – August 8 – Me and My School for incoming Kindergarten students**
- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:**
- **PBIS- FRC in addition to sitting on committee is facilitating the Cat's Store every two weeks**
  - **Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays and approximately 20 students attend weekly**
  - **KY OOSA- FRC presented in Frankfort at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce on last year's grant**
  - **Big Smiles- 41 students were seen in March for either annual cleanings or dental services**
  - **Born Learning- FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our sixth Born Learning session for parents with children birth to five years of age. There were 10 parent participants along with all of their children**
  - **Parent Support Group (PSG) - FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our sixth PSG. We had six parent participants**
  - **Anthony Munoz Foundation- FRC is sponsoring 12 students to attend the weekend character building camp in April**
  - **Care Closet- We have continued to schedule students to come every Thursday to have their clothing needs met. Most recently, we had a student who is not average size for a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and the Care Closet volunteers measured and hand-made clothing that fit her and was also stylist for someone her size in order to help with this student's self-esteem**
  - **Omnimax Volcanoes- FRC sponsored the entire 4th grade on a field trip to see the Volcanoes movie as they are closing out their science unit on volcanoes**
  - **Dreamfest- FRC chaperoned the gifted and talented students and managed three sessions at Dreamfest at NKU**
  - **Adopt-A-Class- FRC is helping to schedule several field trips through this program as these business partners are allowing our students to come to their workplaces and see what it is like. FRC is chaperoning two fourth grade classes on a trip to US Bank**
  - **School Dance- FRC sponsored and chaperoned the 6th grade dance in March. There were over 120 tickets sold. The students had a great time and overall were very well behaved**
  - **Power Packs- We are currently serving 120 students with weekend food bags through the Freestore Foodbank, Newport Professional Firefighters and Lakeside Christian Church. FRC recently presented at the Newport City Commission meeting on behalf of**

the work that the Newport Professional Firefighters are doing to assist NIS

- **Social Work Appreciation Month-** March is social work appreciation month. As the NKY board member for the Kentucky Association of School Social Workers, FRC along with NPS FRC hosted an after-school celebration for all school based social workers in Northern Kentucky to show appreciation and network with other school districts to improve services for students. A lot of discussion was held about recent bills related to school safety which may lead to the loss of jobs for many currently employed school social workers due to non-inclusive language regarding mental health providers
- **Courageous Kids-** FRC is working with FRCs in NKY and the Public Library to provide a summer support group for students whose loved ones are incarcerated. Tis project is being funded through the United Way
- **Reading Award-** FRC has started a monthly reading award for the student that displays the most improvement and hardest work effort during that month. Student will receive a grade-appropriate book and treat. March is 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Good News!-** FRC's impact report for the 2017-2018 school year was chosen by a committee in Frankfort as a spotlight report for the state. FRC had to present the report at the last regional meeting for FRYSC's
- **Training-** FRC along with NPS FRC attended a Social Work Ethic Training for CEU's through the University of Kentucky at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.



**Our gifted and talented students at NKU**

✓ **Upcoming Events:**

- **3/19/19- Field Trip for 4<sup>th</sup> grade to US Bank**
- **3/19/19- Born Learning Graduation**
- **3/21/19- Advisory Council meeting**

- 3/21/19- PBIS Committee Meeting
- 3/22/19- Kentucky Association of School Social Work Meeting
- 3/26/19- Courageous Kids Implementation Team Meeting
- 3/28/19- “Baseball’s Opening Day” Family Night (Literacy)
- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
  - Made 2 Referrals for eye examines
  - Continue to made 22 Attendance Home Visits
  - Continue to make Basic Need Home Visits
  - YSC continues to provide school supplies, school uniforms, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families
  - YSC Coordinator met with General Manager of A.C. Moore for Fundraising possibilities
  - YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff
  - Coordinator continues to refer students to local mental & physical health agencies
  - Coordinator continues to sponsor and promote Student of the Week and Student of the Month programs
  - YSC and After Prom Parents hosted Casino Night – we raised \$2,400.00
  - Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting
  - Coordinator attended FRYSC Region 4 Coordinators Meeting
  - Coordinator attended FRYSC Best Practices Training
  - Coordinator attended FRYSC Region 4 Advisory Meeting
  - Posted Employment opportunities for: Eli’s BBQ, Parks and Rec, Job Fair at Covington Library, Fed EX, Road ID, local restaurants
  - Coordinator held 3 After Prom Parent meeting
  - Coordinator made appointments for 10 girls to Cinderella Closet
  - Coordinator made appointments for 15 boys for Folchi Tuxedo
  - Coordinator made appointments for 3 girls for Kenzie Closet
  - Coordinator ordered diapers for two teen parents from Care Closet via Sweet Cheeks
  - Coordinator met with Kia Gearding and Erin Comfort to plan 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Awards
  - Coordinator continues to meet with Roger Johnson, Cody Reinhard, and Gayle Brown in regards to Spring Break College Tour
  - Coordinator met with FRC Coordinator to revise 2018-19 Budget
  - YSC office continues to celebrate student 3 E’s = Employment, Enlistment and Education
- ✓ **Events Chaperoned – None this month**
- ✓ **Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?**
  - 2 Upward Bound Meetings
  - Family Fun Night – Career Information – donated supplies
  - Family Fun Night – College 101 – donating food
- ✓ **Upcoming events of notes for this and next month**

- **March 25 – 29, 2019 - College Readiness Week**
- **Monday, March 25, 2019 Gateway College Community College Tour at the Boone County and Edgewood campuses**
- **Tuesday, April 2 to Thursday, April 4, 2019 Spring Break College Tours (Roger Johnson Funds) to Berea, Morehead, ECU, Bellarmine and UofL**
- **Tuesday, April 9, 2019 University of Kentucky Tour**
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Abraham Lincoln Presentation for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**
- **Thursday, April 11, 2019 Upward Bound 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Recruitment 2pm Library**
- **Tuesday, April 16 , 2019 University of Cincinnati Tour for Juniors and Seniors**
- **Thursday, April 18, 2019 Spring Showcase-Family Fun Night 6:30p NHS**
- **Friday April 26, 2019 through Sunday, April 28, 2019 Anthony Munoz Impact Camp**
- **Saturday, April 27, 2019 to Sunday morning After Prom Extravaganza from 11:30p – 3:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 30, 2019 Senior Awards Night starting at 6pm**
- ✓ **NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Erin Comfort, NHS reports:**
  - **Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs run from 2:45-6:00, Monday through Friday**
  - **150+ NHS students participating, average 33 a day in an after school clubs, 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- ✓ **Club of the Month- Study Table**
  - **Starting February 4<sup>th</sup>, *Study Table* tutoring center has been actively running. Tutoring starts at 3:00 and runs until 4:30 every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We average 10 students a day. The tutoring center is staffed by, Cody Reinhard, AmerCorp Advisor. Cody has been working in Newport High School for the last three years. Services offered are, homework assistance, study tools, ACT prep, NCAA Clearing House for athletes, and FAFSA assistance. The center has an open door policy; students can come and go freely. Students can make appointments through myself or Cody Reinhard if 1:1 assistance needed. We actively recruit students that have below a 2.5 GPA or 1 or more F's. We hope to see our daily average grow and the school year comes to an end.**
- ✓ **Current Events:**
  - **Skill Building Event for Families**
  - **A Wired Family 2/21**
  - **Career Night 2/28**
  - **College 101 3/28**
  - **Cyber Bullying Event 4/18**
  - **Field trips:**



- Snowboarding and Skiing with OAC
  - Aquarium tour with OAC
  - Walking tour of Newport with Photography Club
  - GEO Tracking with OAC
- ✓ **NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinator reports:**
- Newport Primary-currently 165 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
  - Newport Intermediate- currently 248 students have participated in early morning/ afterschool programming
  - Newport NHS- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – approximately 83 students have participated in afterschool programming
  - The following are a list of the current after school activities:
  - NPS-Chorus, Lexia Club, Cub Scouts, Kindermusik, Diversity Wildcats, Coding Club, Girl Scouts and Fitkids
  - NIS- Beginning Band, FAR Club, YLD, Mad Science, Sports Mania, HEARTS Tutoring, Club 312, Chorus, Minecraft EDU, Yearbook Club, Sprouts Cooking and Prelude Club.
  - NHS (7/8<sup>th</sup>) - YLD, Newport Theater, Newport Strong, Study Table, Video Game Design, Sewing Club, Cooking Club, Outdoor Adventure
  - Newport Ind. Schools was awarded an additional 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant. Funding will be available beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and will increase the 21c budget by an additional \$100,000 for 2019-2020
  - Club Highlight: NPS Coding Club is held on Wednesday afternoons for students k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Coding or computer programming is writing a set of instructions that a computer understands so it will perform a task. Students invited their parents/guardians to join them for some coding fun for a family event held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Club sponsors, Mr. Campbell and Ms. Molly, gave families a quick tutorial on coding and provided dinner. Students then got to show their coding abilities to their families as they created games together. Student volunteers from Norte Dame Academy also were on hand to participate in the fun!



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):**
  - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN and School Health Coordinator & Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN for Newport Primary School Report:**
    - 128 sick student visits. (2 days a week coverage)
    - 9 daily medication administrations.
    - 8 vision screenings.
    - Will be sending letters to pre-school parents to set up school physicals and immunization reviews in preparation for kindergarten. Considering a plan to 'field trip' Primary pre-school students to the intermediate location to have health screenings completed.
  - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:**
    - 212 sick visits. (3 days a week coverage)
    - Working on vision screenings.
    - One daily medical procedure (urinary catheterization).
    - Attempting to get students glasses or vision exam
    - Requesting parents to follow up with dental needs of students
    - With the launch of Vaccines for Children Program; we underwent a state audit to evaluate our systems for managing in house vaccines. The audit went smoothly and no deficits were identified

- Clinic very busy; working with NP to get students up-to-date on vaccines
  - Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:
    - 156 sick visits
    - 5 daily medication administrations
    - One medical procedure (urotoxy care) on as needed basis.
  - Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center
    - From my February report to the present date include:
      - 88 students were seen for sick visits or school physicals
      - Evaluated 15 sick staff members
      - I continue to assist our nurses in identification of students with vaccine needs
- ✓ You now have the seventh month of attendance and we are declining in a trend that I do not like. Our current rate of 93.91% is the lowest we have seen in the past four year and if it continues it will have a negative impact on our SEEK funding.
- ✓ We have received information from KDE that we may now submit the 2019 – 2020 calendars that you approved at last month’s meeting in April and I will have the amended 2018 – 2019 calendar ready for your approval during the April meeting as that must be submitted in May.